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...I'VE GOT EVERYTHING NOW.
NOW I'LL RETURN TO THE TEMPLE...
rd, Lord...
WHY IS HE...
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET...
I GOT SEPARATED FROM THE COUNT
mumble
GOD, I'M USUALLY A NON-BELIEVER, BUT...
mumble
HEY, YOU!
YOU'RE NOT FROM THIS CITY, ARE YOU? IF YOU'RE LO—
!!?
GASP
HELP FROM HEAVEN!!
Musical Scale City

44 Page Special Oneshot!!
WE SING HYMNS
KAYASE-SHIKI'S DEBUT WORK, THE SERIES SEN NO TSUKI (A THOUSAND MOONS), HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED! LOOK FOR IT IN BOOKSTORES!
SO THAT THIS CITY MAY LAST FOREVER.
音階の都
Musical Scale City
KAYASE SHIKI

NO WAY! I'M SAVED!
I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE MORNING!
PEOPLE WORKING AT THE TEMPLE REALLY ARE MERCIFUL!
YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS KAMINA? I'M SAKAKI. THANK YOU! ♪
I KNOW THEY'RE JUST LEFTOVERS, BUT HAVE SOME RESTRAINT!
ANYWAY, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ANY TRAVELLING MONEY?
I TOLD YOU, COUNT MILL HANDLES MY EXPENSES
HE SAID HE WAS COMING TO SEE THE FAMOUS CITY OF SOUND THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT. I'M A FUTURE ARCHITECT, SO I CAME ALONG TOO.
THE TRAVELLING EXPENSES WERE ALREADY PAID FOR BY THE COUNT
..SO, YOU GOT SEPARATED FROM THE COUNT ON THE WAY TO THE ROYAL PALACE. THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD DO... AND...
EXACTLY!
.....

IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE ROYAL PALACE, YOU CAN GO BY YOURSELF!
THE TEMPLE DOESN'T RUN ERRANDS FOR THE ROYAL PALACE!
WHAT? YOU WON'T SEARCH FOR THE COUNT WITH ME?
HUH? WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO DO THAT MUCH?
B-BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANY-WHERE TO STAY EITHER!
JONG
I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE TEMPLE!
IT'S TIME FOR THE EVENING SERVICE!
HUH?
EVENING SERVICE?
IT'S TIME FOR THE HYMNS!
WA-WAIT!
ARE YOU LEAVING THIS LOST LAMB BEHIND?!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A LAMB?

SLAM
.....

ARE THEY SOMETHING YOU'D REGRET NOT HEARING?
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO THE TEMPLE, RIGHT?
THE CITY OF SOUND WAS BUILT BY THE ARCHITECT AND MUSICIAN RASLI.
ITS HYMNS...
I'VE GOTTEN OUT OF THERE, BUT I STILL DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO STAY...
I DON'T HAVE MONEY EITHER...
WELL, IT'S THAT...
I'M SURE IT'S IN HERE...
creak

WE SING
A SONG
FOR THE TRAN-QUILLITY OF THE CITY
AND FOR A PLENTIFUL HARVEST

THE SONG THAT HAS BEEN SPUN
sleep, sleep
SINCE THE TIME THE CITY WAS BUILT.
.....
IT'S LIKE THE SOUND IS DESCENDING
IT ECHOES
THROUGH-OUT THE TEMPLE.
In peace everlasting

In this golden land, we keep our vow.
THIS IS THE CITY OF SOUND.
THE HYMN OF THE CITY OF SOUND.
sleep, sleep
.....

In peace everlasting
sleep
THIS IS A HYMN?
IT'S MORE LIKE A...
sleep sleep
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
THAT'S JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM THE CITY OF SOUND'S CONSTRUCTION! IT WAS LIKE THE SOUND WAS DESCENDING FROM HEAVEN...
.....
I'M NOT BEING CRUEL AT ALL.
HEY... THAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU SAY TO ME?! AREN'T YOU BEING CRUEL?!
AH, KAMINA
SAKAKI?!
I HEARD YOU SING, KAMINA. IT WAS AMAZING!

FATHER NOEKU!
DO YOU HAVE A VISITOR?
ARE YOU FEELING ALRIGHT?
IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
I SHOULD AT LEAST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MORNING AND EVENING SERVICES
AND THIS IS...?
AH, YES!
WOW
A WANDERING LAMB WHO LOST HIS WAY IN THE CITY I OFFERED HIM SHELTER.
It's the truth but...
IS THAT SO? AND WHAT IS HIS NAME?
AH, HIS NAME IS SAKAKI.

KAMINA HAS NEVER LEFT THIS CITY, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE TO TELL HIM MANY STORIES
I-I WILL!!
COUNT MILL SAID HE WAS COMING TO VISIT THIS FAMOUS CITY, SO I ACCOMPANIED HIM... BUT WE GOT SEPARATED
DO YOU MEAN COUNT ANI? IF SO, YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY
FATHER NOEKU!
IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE HIM TO THE COUNT'S LANDS TO BROADEN HIS HORIZONS
I WANT TO CONTINUE SINGING HERE SO THAT I CAN REPAY YOU FOR RAISING ME!
OH, I UNDER-STAND
AFTER SUCH A THING HAPPENED TO RUDO... WE'RE RELYING ON YOU YOUNG PEOPLE.
.....
SUCH A THING?

MR. SAKAKI, FEEL FREE TO USE THE SPARE ROOM AT YOUR LEISURE.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS DON'T HESITATE TO ASK KAMINA.
UHM... THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

AAAH, FATHER NOEKU IS WONDERFUL!
NOW I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FINDING SOMEWHERE TO STAY...
TCH
.....
I GUESS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE... HURRY UP, SAKAKI!
HE CLICKED HIS TONGUE!

KAMINA,
YOU ACT DIFFERENTLY AROUND FATHER NOEKU COMPARED TO WHEN YOU'RE WITH ME.
WHAT?
OF COURSE I DO!

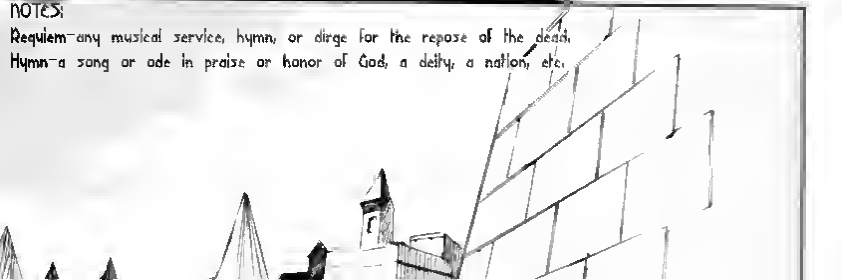
SAKAKI, YOU'RE A FREELOADER.
A FREE-LOADER.
I KNOW
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO REPEAT YOURSELF
BUT IS IT OKAY IF I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
FINE!
..IT'S SAID THAT THIS PLACE IS A CITY MADE OF SOUND
WHY DO THEY SAY THAT?
WHY?
BECAUSE IT'S SAID THAT THE CITY WILL COLLAPSE IF THE HYMNS STOP.
HUH?
THE HYMNS ARE A PRAYER TO PREVENT THE CITY FROM COLLAPSING. IT IS THE TEMPLE'S DUTY TO CONTINUE SINGING THOSE HYMNS.
THE TEMPLE HAD BEEN MAINTAINING THAT PRECEPT.
HUH? COLLAPSE?
BECAUSE OF A SONG?
THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THOSE KINDS OF STORIES?
THIS CITY WAS ORIGINALLY

CONSTRUCTED WITH THE ROYAL PALACE AND THE TEMPLE AS ITS TWO PILLARS
THE ROYAL PALACE WAS FOR THE GOVERNMENT
AND THE TEMPLE WAS FOR THE DIVINE PROTECTION OF OUR GOD
AS THE CITY'S PROTECTOR,
THE TEMPLE WAS BESTOWED WITH MANY PRIVILEGES AND OWNED AS MANY TERRITORIES AS THE ROYAL FAMILY
BECAUSE THE TEMPLE'S HYMNS PROTECT THE CITY,
THE ROYAL FAMILY PROTECTED AND HONOURED THE TEMPLE FOR MANY YEARS
BUT NOW THE ROYAL FAMILY
WELL, NOBODY WOULD NORMALLY BELIEVE THAT KIND OF LEGEND...
GLARE

PEOPLE FROM THE ROYAL PALACE.. AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS CITY...
IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, MANY HIGH RANKING PRIESTS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN FREAK ACCIDENTS..
NOW THE ROYAL PALACE WANTS TO DIMINISH THE TEMPLE'S POWER THE OTHER DAY, WE WERE NOTIFIED THAT THE NUMBER OF PRIESTS WOULD BE REDUCED
UHM...
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN USE THAT EMPTY BED!
THAT'S THE REASON THE PRIESTS' QUARTERS ARE LIKE THIS
THEY DON'T REALISE THAT THE HYMNS PROTECT THE CITY
.....
REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE CITY WILL BE DESTROYED IF THE HYMNS STOP, DON'T YOU?
WHY?
KAMINA
YOU...

.....
BUT NO ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVE THEY WERE RELATED.
THINK ABOUT IT. THE CITY WOULD BE DESTROYED!
WILL WE BE ABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CITY'S DESTRUCTION?
IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN BY SOME CHANCE, IT'D BE OUR FAULT, YOU KNOW.
I WAS TAUGHT THAT BELIEVING IN THE UNSEEN WAS A STRENGTH.
...BUT I HAVE A REASON
TOMORROW, AT THE PRAYER TOWER...
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT AT THE CITY'S MAIN TOWER
SPEAKING OF WHICH, KAMINA,
ABOUT THE HYMNS...
YES?

NOTES:
Requiem—any musical service, hymn, or dirge for the repose of the dead.
Hymn—a song or ode in praise or honor of God, a deity, a nation, etc.



AAAH.. WHERE'S THE TOWER?
THIS IS THE FIRST TOWER..
ONE OF THE TOWERS, WHICH WAS SAID TO HAVE SUPPORTED THE CITY, USED TO BE IN THIS PLACE
LET ME FINISH!
OH YEAH, IT WAS A BIG EARTHQUAKE, WASN'T IT?
THERE WAS A BIG EARTHQUAKE..
THE TOWER COLLAPSED THE NEXT DAY
THERE WAS A BIG EARTH-QUAKE.. HOUSES COLLAPSED HERE AND THERE..
BUT THE DAMAGE WASN'T THAT GREAT
HOWEVER, THE ROYAL PALACE..

THE TOWER IN THE LEFT WING OF THE ROYAL PALACE COLLAPSED
THE ROYAL FAMILY MADE A FUSS, ASKING IF THE TEMPLE HAD DONE SOMETHING
DONE SOME-THING?
IT WAS A FALSE ACCUSATION OF COURSE
THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE THE LEGENDS
BUT WHEN SOME-THING HAPPENED, THEY TRIED TO USE THAT TO CORNER THE TEMPLE
AH.. THAT WAS A TERRIBLE THING TO DO..
AT THAT TIME, I REGULARLY CAME TO THE FIRST TOWER TO PRAY
GODS WHO PROTECT THIS CITY,
PLEASE GIVE US WONDERFUL PEACE AND CROPS AGAIN TODAY
RUSTLE
?

RUSTLE

I WAS AROUND HERE..
BUT I WASN'T INJURED
IT WAS LIKE A ROSARY WITH A BROKEN STRING..
..SO WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE HYMNS?
KAMINA, DO YOU THINK THAT'S WHY THE TOWER COLLAPSED?
WE WEREN'T ABLE TO SING THE MORNING SONGS PROPERLY ON THAT DAY
THE ROYAL FAMILY BARGED INTO THE TEMPLE THEN..
KAMINA, CALM DOWN!
THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT WAS THE REASON THE TOWERS COLLAPSED!
THAT DAY, ANOTHER TOWER...
HIS REMAINS WERE CARRIED DURING PRAYER TIME.
THE SAME THING HAPPENED WHEN FATHER RUDO DIED!

ANYWAY, ARE YOU SAYING THAT GOD MADE THE TOWER COLLAPSE?
LEGENDS..
HUH?
LEGENDS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TELL STORIES OF GOD DESTROYING CORRUPT CITIES..
AH, THERE ARE THOSE STORIES, AREN'T THERE?
Like Sodom and so on

WHICH MEANS THAT IT'S NOT STRANGE FOR A TOWER TO COLLAPSE HERE!
HEY, HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!
What's that for?
YOUNG ONES.

AH.. I'LL TAKE SOME!
OH, THANK YOU
Clink

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A FLOWER?
I JUST PICKED THEM
ONLY ONE LUCCA!

EVERYONE'S HEARTS HAVE HARDENED. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO BUY FLOWERS HAS DECREASED REMARKABLY TOO
THE PEOPLE IN THE PALACE RIGHT NOW DON'T TAKE ANY NOTICE OF THIS
I MAKE JUST ENOUGH TO GET BY
ARE YOU ABLE TO MAKE A LIVING FROM THIS?
EVERYONE WOULD GO TO THE TEMPLE AND SING THE HYMNS AFTER THEY FINISHED WORKING
AND ON THEIR WAY HOME, THEY WOULD BUY FLOWERS
THE CITY WALLS WERE SURROUNDED BY RIPPLING, GOLDEN FIELDS
BUT A LONG TIME AGO, THIS CITY WAS BEAUTIFUL
YOUNG PEOPLE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW THIS...
!
THIS CITY WILL COLLAPSE
YOUNG MAN,
.....
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT NOW, BUT..

THE CITY WILL BE DESTROYED WHEN ALL THE TOWERS COLLAPSE, JUST LIKE THE LEGEND SAYS
ESCAPE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
THREE OF THE SEVEN TOWERS HAVE ALREADY COLLAPSED
HEY, IS THAT ONE OF THE SEVEN TOWERS TOO?
YEAH, IT'S ONE OF THE SEVEN TOWERS THAT WERE BUILT TO SURROUND THE CITY
HUH, SERIOUSLY?
I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER REASON
ONE OCTAVE
ISN'T IT A SCALE?
WHY SEVEN?

HEY, ABOUT THOSE GOLDEN FIELDS THAT THAT OLD WOMAN WAS TALKING ABOUT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SUCH A CITY WOULD BE LIKE IN REALITY.
HMMM
OH... A CITY THAT INCORPORATES MUSICAL ORDER?
BUT THE SCALE OF THAT CONCEPT IS DIFFERENT.
HUH... SO ALL THAT WASTELAND OVER THERE WAS...
FATHER NOEKU OFTEN SAID THAT HE WANTED TO SHOW THEM TO ME.
AROUND THE TIME I WAS BORN, THERE WERE STILL RUSTLING FIELDS OF WHEAT ALL ALONG ONE SIDE OF THE CITY WALL.
HE WAS TALKING TO ME.
FATHER NOEKU TOLD ME TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING!
THAT OLD WOMAN SAID THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW
SAY, KAMINA, PLEASE TELL FATHER NOEKU SOMETHING FOR ME.
HUH? WHY?!
I WANT TO HEAR MORE STORIES...
MORE STORIES? YOU..
IRRITATED
.....

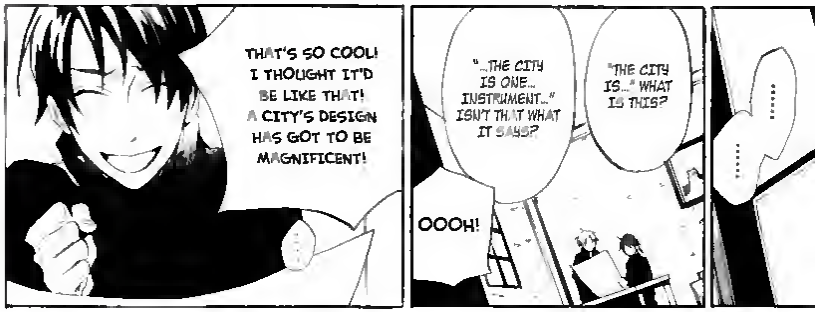
KAMINA, YOU...
GRIP
THERE ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT THIS CITY THAT YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT, RIGHT?
THE RIPPLING GOLDEN FIELDS
THE SEVEN TOWERS.
THE CITY OF SOUND SUPPORTED BY HYMNS.
...A CITY BLESSED BY GOD.
CREAK
"WHY ARE YOU SINGING A REQUIEM?"
.....

sleep, sleep
sleep in peace everlasting
WHO HAVE WE
BEEN SINGING FOR?
IS AN OLD LEGEND
ALL THAT REMAINS
MANY RECORDS FROM THAT TIME WERE SCATTERED AND LOST.
MR. SAKAKI.
U-
YES?
DRAWN BY THE FIELDS...
?
WHAT IS THIS STRANGE FEELING...?
OUR ANCESTORS WERE DRAWN BY THE RIPPLING GOLDEN FIELDS, AND DECIDED THIS WOULD BECOME A CITY.

OH! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
THEY'RE NOT COMPLETE, BUT... RASUI LEFT BEHIND SOME DOCUMENTS HERE. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, FEEL FREE TO EXAMINE THEM.
YES.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CITY BECAUSE YOU'RE AN ARCHITECT?
THOUGH I'M STILL AN APPRENTICE...
KAMINA
WE HAVE CONTINUED TO CHANT THE PRAYERS SINCE THE CITY WAS BUILT HERE.
WE ATONE FOR THE SINS COMMITTED BY OUR ANCESTORS.
DO NOT FORGET TO BE DEVOUT AND TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

YES,
FATHER NOEKU.
TO NOT FORGET.
THAT IS OUR DUTY.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M ABLE TO LOOK AT DOCUMENTS FROM THAT TIME!
AMAZING!
OH, YEAH KAMINA, ABOUT THE GOLDEN WAVES
WHAT?
MY HOMETOWN IT'S IN COUNT MILL'S TERRITORY, BUT THE WHEAT FIELDS THERE ARE IMPRESSIVE
COME AND SEE THEM SOME TIME!

I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT WHEAT FIELDS...
TURNS AWAY
UGH...
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE? IT'S NOT CUTE AT ALL!
IF YOU ADMIRE FATHER HOEKU SO MUCH, TRY TO TAKE AFTER HIM A LITTLE MORE!
YOU'RE SO NOISY!
YOU CAME TO READ THE DOCUMENTS, SO READ THEM!


THAT'S SO COOL! I THOUGHT IT'D BE LIKE THAT! A CITY'S DESIGN HAS GOT TO BE MAGNIFICENT!
"...THE CITY IS ONE... INSTRUMENT..." ISN'T THAT WHAT IT SAYS?
"THE CITY IS..." WHAT IS THIS?
OOOH!
.....

WHAT IS THIS?
HMM?
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND ARCHITECTURE.
THIS IS AN OLD MAP.
COULD IT BE THAT THIS CITY WAS DESIGNED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE SOUND TO ECHO?
SOUND?
YOU MEAN THE HYMNS?

I DON'T KNOW
WE DISCOVERED THE GOLDEN FIELDS AND BUILT A CITY...
IS THAT WHERE YOUR ANCESTORS CAME FROM?
A VILLAGE?
THE AREA WHERE THE CITY IS NOW... IT LOOKS LIKE WHEAT FIELDS
AND A VILLAGE
THE SINS THAT WE COMMITTED...
REQUIEM
!!
CRASH

WHAT IS IT?
RAGE
PEOPLE SENT BY THE ROYAL FAMILY! THOSE GUYS AGAIN!
HEY, KAMINA!
DASH
!!
tap
tap
tap
tap

KAMINA, DON'T GO OUT RIGHT NOW.
FATHER RIOU...
THE PEOPLE THE ROYAL FAMILY SENT BARGED IN.
IT SEEMS THAT THEY INTEND TO FORCE THE PRIESTS OUT OF HERE
FORCE THEM OUT?
I'LL TAKE FATHER NOEKU TO A SAFE PLACE.
ALRIGHT, KAMINA?
EVEN IF YOU END UP BEING THE ONLY ONE LEFT, YOU'VE GOT TO CARRY OUT THE HOLY DUTIES.
YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
..YES
IT'S GOTTEN QUIET.
IT SEEMS LIKE THOSE PEOPLE HAVE GONE

WELL, KAMINA SEEMS OKAY, BUT..
SO WHAT IS IT? I CAN UNDERSTAND NOT BELIEVING THAT LEGEND, BUT
THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE WAY THEY DO THINGS!
HUH?
WHAT IS THIS?
THE ECHO
OF THE HYMNS?
CAN THIS REALLY BE POSSIBLE?
IF THIS DESIGN IS REAL...
GULP

KAMINA!
THIS IS BAD!
THE CITY WILL REALLY COLLAPSE!
SAKAKI, YOU'RE SAFE!
KAMINA, WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
OTHERS? YOU MEAN THE PRIESTS? MOST OF THEM WERE TAKEN AWAY..
NO WAY!
DAMN IT! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
SAKAKI, WHAT..
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE PRAYERS, ISN'T IT?
KAMINA, I'LL EVACUATE THE OTHER PEOPLE FROM THE CITY.
YOU HAVE TO SING THE HYMNS!
SA-KAKI?

THOSE HYMNS HOLD UP THIS CITY!
IT'S THE DESIGN!
IT WASN'T GOD'S DOING!
KAMINA, YOU SHOULD ALSO RUN IF THINGS GET DANGEROUS!
THE CITY WAS DESIGNED TO COLLAPSE IF THE PRAYERS... THE HYMNS STOPPED!
"ATONE FOR THE SINS
DO NOT FORGET TO HAVE A DEVOUT HEART AND FOLLOW THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS."
AH...

OUR ANCESTORS
TRAMPLED OVER THIS LAND.
THAT IS WHY
DON'T BE ARROGANT
DON'T FORGET
sleep
WE SING THIS REQUIEM...
In peace everlasting...

HE DESIGNED THE CITY
SO THAT IT WOULD FALL
WHEN WE FORGOT THOSE FEELINGS.
CRUMBLE

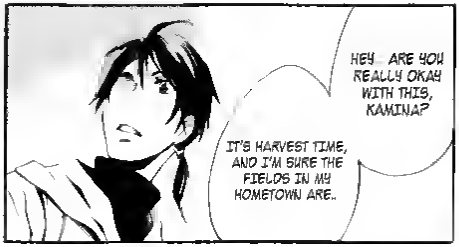
IT'S NO USE
KAMINA!!!
IT WON'T LAST ANY LONGER
GRAB!

CITY OF SOUND.
OUR BEAUTIFUL

I'M GLAD THE DAMAGE WASN'T AS BAD AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.
YES.
YOU REALLY HELPED, SAKAKI.
WHAT ABOUT FATHER NOEKU?
HE'S ALRIGHT, ONE OF THE PRIESTS WENT WITH HIM
THAT'S GOOD!

WEREN'T YOU TAUGHT TO ACCEPT A PERSON'S GRATITUDE WITHOUT MAKING A FUSS?
STOMP
OW!
IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS WHEN YOU TALK LIKE THAT!
HAHA!
WHAT YOU DID THIS TIME... I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

SAKAKI, SOMEDAY YOU SHOULD BUILD A CITY AS GREAT AS THIS ONE
I THINK SO TOO.
WELL, THAT MAN RASU MUST HAVE BEEN A FLAWED GENIUS TO HAVE BUILT SUCH A CITY.



I'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN

FOR REAL THIS TIME

BUILD OUR CITY SURROUNDED BY GOLDEN WAVES HERE.

END